# **Cover Sheet: Request 14299**

## SPS3XXX Psychology in the Schools

## Info

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## **Actions**

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## Responses

Recommended Prefix SPS
Course Level 3
Course Number XXX
Category of Instruction Intermediate
Lab Code None
Course Title Psychology in the Schools
Transcript Title Psychology in Schools
Degree Type Baccalaureate

**Delivery Method(s)** On-Campus, Online **Co-Listing** No

Effective Term Earliest Available Effective Year Earliest Available Rotating Topic? No Repeatable Credit? No

**Amount of Credit 3** 

S/U Only? No Contact Type Regularly Scheduled Weekly Contact Hours 3

**Course Description** This course introduces undergraduate students to the practice and profession of school psychology. The foundations of school psychology practice are explored including, assessment and intervention in academic, social, emotional, and behavioral domains. The course emphasizes school psychologists' promotion of social justice and equity for all students in school settings.

**Prerequisites** A course within the areas of psychology, education, sociology, or speech/language/hearing services.

Co-requisites N/A

Rationale and Placement in Curriculum This course will introduce advanced undergraduate (i.e., junior and senior) students to the practice of psychology in the schools. There are not currently other courses that focus on psychology in the schools for undergraduate students and therefore many undergraduate students are unaware of the field and opportunities within the profession. We anticipate the course will be of interest to various majors relevant to working with children and adolescents (e.g., psychology, education, speech/language).

**Course Objectives** 1. Describe the roles, functions, and training within the field of school psychology 2. Analyze how school psychologists can promote social justice and equity for all students, including students with disabilities and students from traditionally under-resourced communities

- 3. Investigate how school psychologists use assessment, intervention, and consultative techniques to promote individual students' success in all developmental domains (i.e., academic, behavioral, and social-emotional domains)
- 4. Examine how school psychologists collaborate with other professionals to promote school-wide systems that promote positive climate to foster optimal development for all students

5. Critique contemporary and historical controversies in the fields of education and school psychology

Course Textbook(s) and/or Other Assigned Reading Grapin, S. L., & Kranzler, J. H. (Eds.). (2018). School psychology: Professional issues and practices. New York, NY: Spring Publishing Company.

#### Additional Required Readings

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Shriberg, D. & Desai, P. (2014). Bridging social justice and children's rights to enhance school psychology scholarship and practice. Psychology in the Schools, 5(1), 3-14.

Singer, J. B., Erbacher, T. A., & Rosen, P. (2019). School-based suicide prevention: A framework for evidence-based practice. School Mental Health, 11, 54-71.

## **Weekly Schedule of Topics**

Module 1: Foundations of School Psychology

#### Week 1

Introduction to School Psychology (Obj 1)

-Social justice approach, NASP practice model, overview of training/credentialing

#### **READINGS:**

Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 1 NASP (2010a)

#### Week 2

Multicultural Foundations (Obj 2)

-What language we will use, in-class equity activity, pre/post approaches to serve students in different communities

#### **READINGS:**

Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 4 Shriberg & Desai (2014)

#### Week 3

Foundations of Practice (Obj 5)

- Assessment, Prevention/Intervention, Consultation

#### **READINGS**:

Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 5 NASP (2010b)

#### Module 2: Service Delivery

#### Week 4

Introduction to Assessment & Special Education Service Delivery (Obj 3 & 4) -Why we assess, IEP eligibility, decision-making, multidisciplinary team

#### **READINGS:**

Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 6 Joseph and Ford (2006) - nondiscriminatory assessment

#### Week 5

Foundations of Intervention

#### **READINGS:**

Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 7 National Center for Rtl (2010)

#### Week 6

Academic Assessment and Intervention

#### **READINGS:**

Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 8 NASP (2009a)

#### Week 7

Consultation

## **READINGS**:

Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 11

Kratochwill et al. (2014)

#### Week 8

Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Assessment and Intervention

## **READINGS**:

Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 9

Durlack, Weissberg, Dymnicki, and Taylor (2011)

Due: Contemporary Issues in School Psychology paper

#### Week 9

SPRING BREAK

Module 3: School Mental Health

## Week 10

Foundations of School Mental Health

#### **READINGS:**

Kern et al (2017)

NASP (2015)

Rossen & Cowan (2015) Resource: NASP (2016)

Week 11

Mental Health Concerns in Schools Today

**READINGS:** 

Abrutyn & Mueller (2014) Navarro, Yubero, & Larranagra (2015) Ohan et al. (2015)

Week 12

Crisis Preparedness & Response

**READINGS:** 

NASP PREPaRE Model Chapter 1

Singer (2019) et al. (2019) School-based suicide prevention Due: Rough draft of key ideas and resources for debate due

Module 4: Future of School Psychology

Week 13

Preparing for a Career in School Psychology Training and Credentialing Graduate Student Panel

**READINGS:** 

Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 3 Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 14 Resource: Lineman, Mildren, and Pena (2011)

Week 14

Future of School Psychology

**READINGS**:

Grapin and Kranzler (2018), Chapter 13 Castillo, Curtis, and Yin Tan (2014)

Week 15

**Contemporary DEBATES** 

Week 16

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**Grading Scheme** Course Requirements

The following describes the requirements and assignments for this course. For all written assignments, editorial style of the American Psychological Association (APA sixth edition) is required.

- ? Please see the current Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association
- ? The Purdue Online Writing Lab may be helpful:

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/ (Links to an external site.)

(1) Class Attendance/ Participation (30 points, 7.5%). Attendance is required. Students are expected to attend all class sessions. It is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor of absences and to make arrangements to complete any missed work due to absences.

Students are expected to actively participate in each class session. I recognize that there is a range of comfort with class participation. However, to benefit both your learning and your classmates', actively engaging with course material will be important. Students should plan to verbally participate during each class session through both whole group and small group discussion. Moreover, written in-class activities will also be turned in to the instructor and will count toward students' participation grades. By

the fifth week of the semester, the instructor will also provide students with feedback on their class participation so that students have the opportunity to improve their participation performance, if necessary.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course is consistent with university policies that can be found at: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx

- (2) Discussion Leader (30 points, 7.5%). In collaboration with a group of peers, students will lead one discussion during the semester. This discussion will center on the topic, lecture, and readings designated for the week in which it takes place (as indicated in the following course schedule). Discussion leaders will develop approximately 10 questions to pose to their peers. These discussion questions should be emailed to the instructor no later than 24 hours prior to the class in which they will be presented. All students are expected to complete weekly readings in advance of class and to contribute to discussions each week. Students should conduct themselves in a professional manner during all discussions and course activities.
- (3) Module Reflection Papers (40 points, 10%). Students will write four 1-2 page papers critically reflecting upon the content of each module. The papers should address how students' perceptions of the field of school psychology have shifted based on what they have learned in the module and what they still want to learn as a result of the content. Connection to course content should be explicit.
- (4) Contemporary Issue Paper (100 points, 25%). Students will write a 10-page paper (double-spaced, 1" margins, 12-point font, references not included) discussing a contemporary issue in school psychology (e.g., school-based disciplinary practices, culturally responsive assessment practices). The paper should include a clear thesis statement. It also should include descriptions of at least five peer-reviewed, empirical research studies that support the thesis.
- (5) Volunteer Service Hours and Reflection (100 points, 25%). Students will complete a minimum of 10 volunteer hours in an approved site. The purpose of this requirement is for students to directly work with at-risk students and understand the needs of school psychologists and similar professionals in the field. After completing the required volunteer hours, students will write a reflection summarizing their experiences and how they apply to what they have learned throughout the course.
- (6) Class Debate & Reflection (100 points, 25%). Students will engage in a professional debate regarding a hot topic relevant to school psychological practice. Topic ideas for the debate will be provided and discussed in class. Students will work in groups 3 or 4 for their debate topic and must prepare for both positions of their debate topic as argument positions will be determined on the day of the debate. The debates will occur during the last two weeks of the course and reflection on the debate will be due during the final exam scheduled time. Additional information regarding the debate will be provided in class.

#### Final grade points:

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372 – 400 points = A (93% – 100%)

360 – 371 points = A- (90% – 92.9%)

348 – 359 points = B+ (87% – 89.9%)

332 – 347 points = B (83% – 86.9%)

320 – 331 points = B- (80% – 82.9%)

308 – 319 points = C+ (77% - 79.9%)

292 – 307 points = C (73% – 76.7%)

280 – 291 points = C- (70% – 72.9%)

268 – 279 points = D+ (67% – 69.9%)

252 – 267 points = D (63% – 66.9%)

240 – 251 points = D- (60% – 62.9%)

239 points or below = E
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Instructor(s) Kathrin Maki, Ph.D.
Attendance & Make-up Yes
Accomodations Yes
UF Grading Policies for assigning Grade Points Yes
Course Evaluation Policy Yes